

SOL Final Outcome Test

Directions

Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Then mark the space on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

- 1 In a representative democracy, the people rule by—

A making laws
B granting all power to the government
C amending the Constitution
D electing officials to govern for them

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it. . . .

This excerpt from the Declaration of Independence says that governments—

A are given their power by the agreement of the people
B have certain rights that cannot be taken away
C are generally destructive
D are created by God to protect people's rights

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We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, . . .

This passage begins the—

- A Articles of Confederation
 - B Bill of Rights
 - C U.S. Constitution
 - D Declaration of Independence
- 4 The separation of powers helps ensure limited government by—
- A dividing powers between the national government and state governments
 - B dividing powers between state and local governments
 - C dividing powers among the three branches of the national government
 - D giving each branch of government separate powers to interpret the Constitution
- 5 A bill can be introduced in the House of Representatives by—
- A a senator
 - B anyone, including interest groups and citizens
 - C a member of the House of Representatives
 - D either a senator or a member of the House of Representatives

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President Barack Obama appointed Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State.

Which presidential role does this action illustrate?

- A Chief of State
- B Chief Legislator
- C Chief of Party
- D Chief Executive

- 7 Which part of Virginia's government carries out the laws of the commonwealth?
- A The executive branch
 - B The House of Delegates
 - C The General Assembly
 - D The judicial branch
- 8 After a bill is introduced into the Virginia House of Delegates, what happens to the bill next?
- A It is also introduced into the Senate.
 - B It is debated in a conference committee.
 - C It is referred to a committee for consideration.
 - D It is debated on the floor of the House of Delegates.

- 9 Units of Local Government in Virginia

- Cities
- Counties
- ?

Which item completes this list?

- A Municipalities
- B Towns
- C Districts
- D Villages

10 If an area in Virginia wants to become a city, who grants the charter?

- A Virginia Board of Supervisors
- B Governor of Virginia
- C Voters of Virginia in a general election
- D Virginia General Assembly

11 Newspaper Headline

NEWS
**Man Accused of Trespassing; Charged with
Misdemeanor**

Which court in Virginia has original jurisdiction in this case?

- A General District Court
- B Circuit Court
- C Small Claims Court
- D Court of Appeals

12 Which court uses juries?

- A U.S. Court of Appeals
- B U.S. District Court
- C Virginia General District Court
- D Virginia Supreme Court

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"[The U.S. Constitution is] *the fundamental and paramount [supreme] law of the nation, and consequently . . . an act of the Legislature repugnant [opposed] to the Constitution is void [illegal].*"

—Chief Justice John Marshall, *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)

This quotation expresses the principle of—

- A consent of the governed
 - B judicial review
 - C expressed powers
 - D federalism
- 14 Which legal action occurs only in a *criminal case*?
- A Arrest
 - B Court filing
 - C Trial
 - D Appeal
- 15 Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution extends due process protections to the actions of state and local governments?
- A Fifth Amendment
 - B Tenth Amendment
 - C Fourteenth Amendment
 - D Nineteenth Amendment

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Suki was born in Japan. Her parents are Japanese citizens. Her family moved to Virginia five years ago. She has a good moral character and is loyal to the principles of the U.S. Constitution. She can read, write, and speak English well. She has a thorough knowledge of U.S. history and government.

What other requirement must Suki meet before she can become a U.S. citizen?

- A At least one of her parents must be a U.S. citizen.
 - B She must have a social security number.
 - C She must have worked in the United States for at least one year.
 - D She must be at least 18 years old.
- 17 **The limits on First Amendment freedoms are determined by the—**
- A courts
 - B President
 - C Senate
 - D people
- 18 **For U.S. citizens, paying taxes and obeying the law are—**
- A responsibilities
 - B freedoms
 - C rights
 - D duties

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As a volunteer at the hospital, Marcus always arrived on time. He did not need close supervision to do a good job. For these reasons, we recommend hiring Marcus full time.

What trait of good citizenship did Marcus display?

- A Courtesy
- B Trustworthiness
- C Honesty
- D Respect for the rights of others

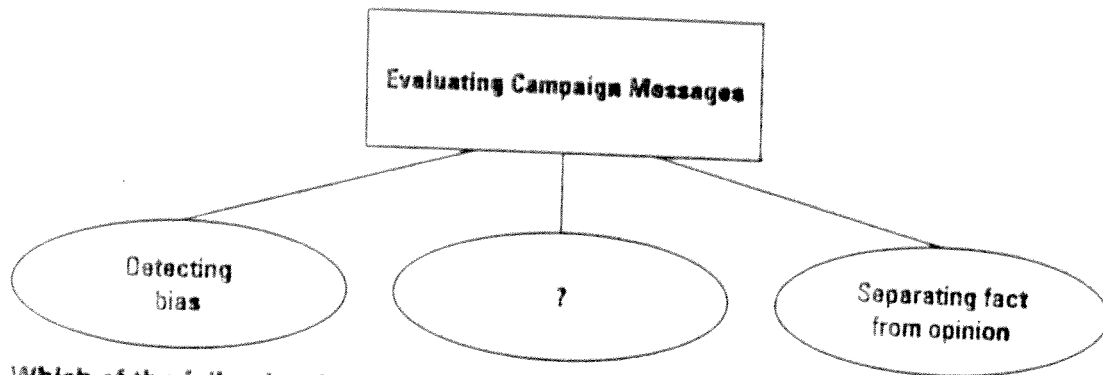
20 In thoughtful decision-making, what is the next step after formulating questions?

- A Analyzing information from a variety of sources
- B Devising a plan
- C Implementing a plan
- D Expressing a position

21 Which of the following *best* describes a major role of political parties?

- A Impeaching the opposing party's President
- B Educating voters about campaign issues
- C Paying voters to support their candidates
- D Distributing false information about opponents

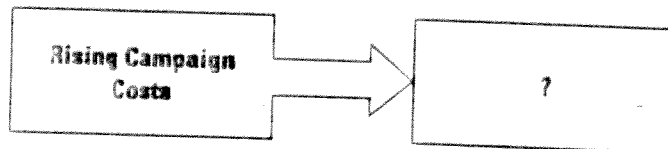
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Which of the following *best* replaces the question mark in this web?

- A Working as a campaign volunteer
- B Lobbying elected officials
- C Identifying propaganda
- D Analyzing election results

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Which of the following *best* replaces the question mark in this diagram?

- A Increased influence of special-interest groups
- B Fewer wealthy candidates willing to run for office
- C Decreased importance of political action committees
- D Increased contributions to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund

- 24 To register to vote in Virginia, you must be—
- A 18 years of age at the time you register
 - B 18 years of age by the day of the general election
 - C 21 years of age at the time you register
 - D 21 years of age by the day of the general election

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Electoral Votes by State	
Virginia	13
Kansas	6

Which conclusion can you draw from the information in the chart?

- A Virginia has more registered voters than Kansas.
 - B Virginia had greater voter turnout in the last election than Kansas.
 - C Virginia has a larger land area than Kansas.
 - D Virginia has more members of Congress than Kansas.
- 26 Which of the following is *true* of third parties in the United States?
- A They often win elections.
 - B They are too minor to influence elections.
 - C They often form around a particular issue or idea.
 - D They include the Democratic and Republican parties.

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Newspaper Headline

NEWS

**Climate Change Affecting Polar
Bear Population, Scientists Warn**

This newspaper is influencing public opinion by—

- A** holding government officials accountable to the public
- B** focusing public attention on an issue
- C** enabling government officials to communicate with the public
- D** offering a forum for people to express opposing views

28 Which factor of production is labor?

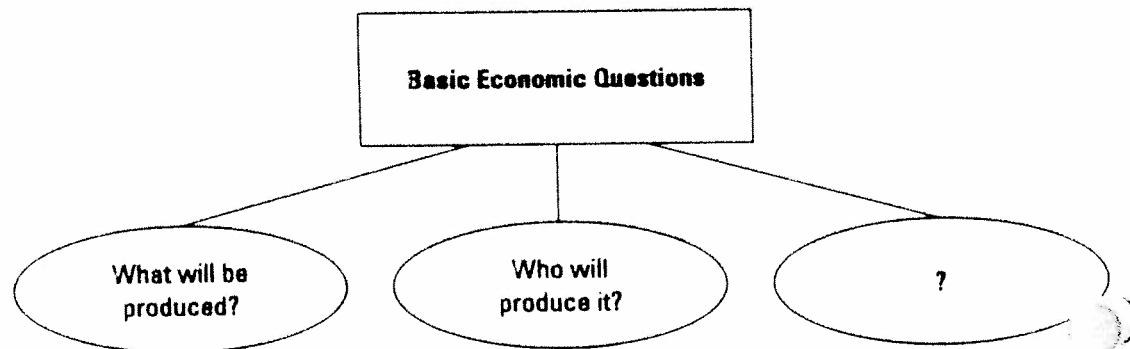
- A** Natural resource
- B** Capital
- C** Human resource
- D** Entrepreneurship

29 The interaction of supply and demand determines—

- A** price
- B** opportunity cost
- C** the factors of production
- D** scarcity

- 30 When you make a purchase, your opportunity cost is the—
 A price you paid for the item
 B opportunities the new purchase provides
 C savings you lost by not buying the item on sale at another store
 D value of the next-best alternative you gave up
- 31 A nation's economic system determines how that nation deals with the economic problem of—
 A competition
 B scarcity
 C overproduction
 D consumer sovereignty

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Which question *best* replaces the question mark in this web?

- A For whom will it be produced?
 B Where will it be produced?
 C How much will it cost?
 D How much profit will be made?

33 In a free-market economy, the basic economic decisions are made by—

- A individuals and businesses
- B government planners
- C long-standing custom
- D individuals and the government

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Profit = ? — Expenses

Which of the following *best* replaces the question mark in this equation?

- A Capital
- B Property
- C Income
- D Liabilities

35 In which type of business does one person take all the risks?

- A Corporation
- B Partnership
- C Monopoly
- D Proprietorship

36 In the circular flow of economic activity, money flows from individuals to businesses when individuals—

- A pay taxes
- B pay the government
- C buy products
- D use public goods and services

37 To encourage savings, banks—

- A pay interest to depositors
- B charge interest to borrowers
- C pay interest to borrowers
- D charge interest to depositors

38 What does a bank do with most of the deposits it takes in?

- A Keeps the money safe in its vault
- B Keeps the money safe by depositing it at a Federal Reserve Bank
- C Uses the money to buy stock in corporations
- D Lends the money to qualified borrowers

39 One reason that states and nations trade is to—

- A reduce competition for goods and services
- B increase the opportunity cost of goods and services
- C sell goods and services at a higher price
- D buy goods and services at a lower cost

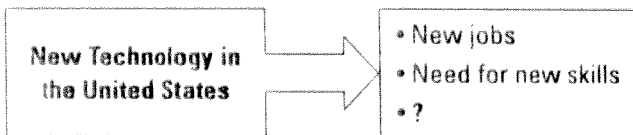
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Brad always comes to work on time and gives his best effort. He cooperates with other workers to achieve the best results for his company.

Brad is demonstrating—

- A good self-assessment
- B careful planning
- C effective entrepreneurship
- D a strong work ethic

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Which of the following *best* replaces the question mark in this diagram?

- A Increase in demand for factory workers
- B Competition from foreign workers
- C Less need for continuing education
- D Fewer opportunities to work for foreign companies

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After Maria graduated from high school, she took a job as a server in a restaurant. She would like to have a job that makes more money, so that she can buy a house someday.

What is the *best* way for Maria to pursue her goal?

- A Apply for a job in a different restaurant
- B Apply for a job as a high school teacher
- C Seek more education
- D Seek a job with a foreign company

43 A plan for dividing up income among spending and saving options is called a —

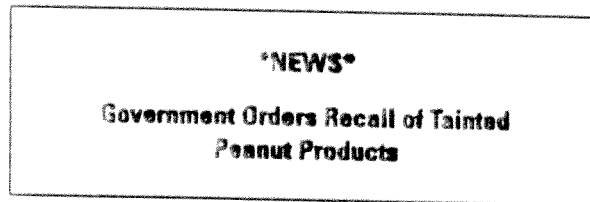
- A premium
- B warranty
- C budget
- D contract

- 44 The government enforces antitrust laws to promote—
 A monopolies
 B competition
 C private ownership
 D global trade
- 45 The largest source of revenue for the federal government is—
 A borrowing
 B charging fees
 C sales taxes
 D income taxes
- 46 A general rise in the price level of goods and services is called—
 A inflation
 B deflation
 C recession
 D depression
- 47 To speed up a slowing economy, the government may—
 A raise taxes
 B increase government spending
 C increase government borrowing
 D raise interest rates

48 The government agency that regulates banks is the—

- A Department of the Treasury
- B Federal Trade Commission
- C Federal Reserve System
- D Securities and Exchange Commission

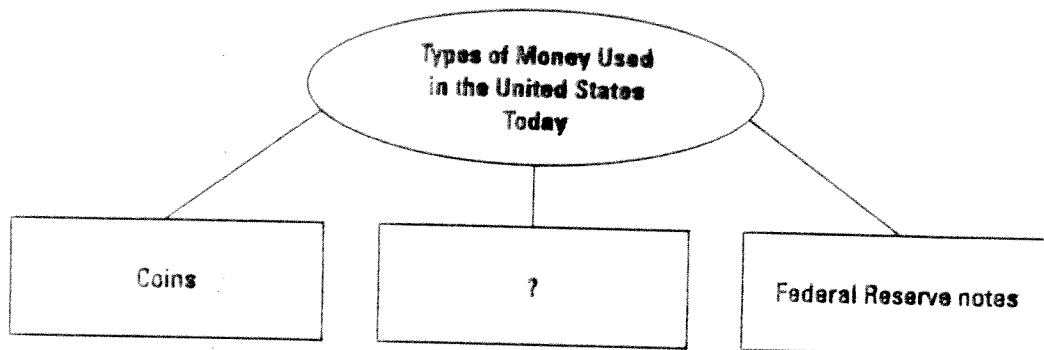
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Which government agency would *most likely* issue this recall?

- A Consumer Product Safety Commission
- B Food and Drug Administration
- C Federal Trade Commission
- D Environmental Protection Agency

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Which of the following *best* replaces the question mark in this web?

- A Gold
- B Silver
- C Credit cards
- D Deposits in bank accounts

